



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**  
**Water Resources Board**  
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## **RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD MEETING #518**

**Friday, March 16, 2012 @ 9:00 AM**

**RI Department of Administration**  
**One Capital Hill, Providence RI**  
**Conference Room B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

### **Members Present**

Thomas Boving  
Kevin Flynn  
Alicia Good\*  
Pamela Marchand – Vice Chair  
Jesse Rodrigues  
Michael Walker\*  
Harold Ward  
Michael DeFrancesco  
Ronnie Gibson  
Susan Licardi  
June Swallow\*

### **Guests**

Christopher Champi, Cumberland Water  
Dave Powers, Greenville Water  
Chuck Adelesberger, CDM Smith  
George Parmisciano, Pare Corporation  
Dave Powers, Greenville Water District  
Eugenia Marks, Audubon Society  
Gary Morse, Operation Clean Government

### **Members Absent**

Jon Schock  
William Stamp, III

### **Staff Present**

Kenneth J. Burke, P.E., General Manager  
Romeo Mendes, P.E., Supervising Engineer

### **AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order**

Ms. Marchand called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 5, 2011 and February 17, 2012 minutes by Alicia Good, second by Harold Ward, unanimous approval.

### **AGENDA ITEM #: Chair Report**

No report.

### **AGENDA ITEM #3 A and B: Nominating Committee and Membership**

The WRB must convene a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of new Board members as needed and officers annually and during the month of March. Once named, the Nominating Committee may work with staff for logistical support and solicit and receive nominations for both Board appointments and officers. While the Board may select its own officers, the selection of new Board members occurs through appointment by the Governor's Office, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board's role is to identify new potential Board members and to transmit those names to the Governor's Office for consideration.

June Swallow, Harold Ward, Jesse Rodriguez, and Sue Licardi volunteered to serve as the Nominating Committee. Motion to endorse the Nominating Committee by June Swallow, second by Sue Licardi, unanimous approval.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 C: Board and Committee Meeting Schedules**

The Board discussed moving our regularly scheduled Board meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday morning of each month, at 9:00 AM, and committee meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM (Technical Committee at 9:00 AM, Legislation and Policy Committee following immediately at 10:30 AM).

Motion to approve by Michael DeFrancesco, second by Tom Boving, unanimous approval.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Strategic Plan**

Staff have consolidated the Strategic Planning Initiative and are requesting that we approve of the entire Strategic Plan, acknowledging that the Business Plan (0-2 years) is the plan that lays out our work for the next two years, and that the Short and Long Range Options are present a suite of reasonably available options that may responsibly manage the State's water resources in the future.

Harold Ward indicated that the Board is obligated to "identify any water source where existing uses and users are shown to have reached or threaten to approach or exceed the safe yield of that source". Harold proposes this as a motion. Supporting Harold Ward's motion, Alicia Goode made a motion to approve the strategic plan, with the Staff focusing their Initiative #1 (Water Availability Estimating) initially on the HAP, Mink and Chipuxet aquifers as a priority. Second by June Swallow, unanimous approval

**AGENDA ITEM #5 A: Legislation and Policy Committee Report**

Pam Marchand indicated that the RIWWA would continue to work with the Administration regarding the dissolution of WRBC, the transfer of functions to the Division of Planning, and the discussions related to the proposed Office of Budget Management (related to water resource programs). Staff will continue to monitor new legislative initiatives related to WRB programs.

June Swallow made a motion to accept the report of the Legislation and Policy Committee, second by Sue Licardi, unanimous approval.

**AGENDA ITEM #5 B: Technical Committee**

The Greenville/Smithfield emergency interconnection request for preliminary approval for 50% reimbursement, and 25% reimbursement for the water tank was presented. The Woonsocket/Cumberland emergency interconnection request for preliminary approval for 50% reimbursement was presented. The Warwick/Providence emergency interconnection request for preliminary approval for 25% reimbursement was presented.

Motion to approve by Michael Walker, second by June Swallow, unanimous approval.

The Portsmouth Infrastructure Plan Update Review was presented.

Motion to approve for consistency with WRB programs by Michael DeFrancesco, second by Alicia Goode, unanimous approval.

The RIDOH DWQ EA review for Woonsocket's emergency interconnection funding was presented.

Motion to approve for consistency with WRB programs by Sue Licardi, second by Michael DeFrancesco, unanimous approval.

The Land Use requests for Rhody Rovers and the West Greenwich/RINEMBA were presented.

Motion to approve for subject to subsequent approval of the State Properties Committee and staff requirements by June Swallow, second by Michael Walker, unanimous approval.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: Move to executive session**

**AGENDA ITEM #7: Return from Executive Session**

**AGENDA ITEM #8: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Alicia Goode, second by Jesse Rodriguez, unanimous approval.

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kenneth Burke  
General Manager